

SCS SB 194 & 189 -- UNEMPLOYMENT FOR INDIAN TRIBES

SPONSOR: Scott (St. Onge)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Small Business by a vote of 14 to 0.

This substitute requires that Indian tribes acting as employers contribute, or make payments in lieu of contributions, to the state Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund like any other employer.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the substitute is federally mandated language that brings Missouri into compliance with federal law. It requires employers of members of Indian tribes to be treated the same as city or county employers for purposes of unemployment compensation fund contributions. Failure to pass the substitute will result in the loss of federal funding and will be detrimental to the state, employers, and employees.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Scott; and National Federation of Independent Business.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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